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SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. Indonesian Moslems plan attack in West Java:

[redacted] a regimental commander of the Darul Islam, the fanatic Moslem group, has ordered a "determined attack" on all army and mobile brigade units in the Bogor regency of West Java on 29 September.

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Comment: Bogor is less than 40 miles south of Djakarta. Nearly all of West Java, which is the least secure area in Indonesia, is subject to raids by dissident groups.

The government claims to have thwarted Darul Islam plans for a revolt on 17 August and is presumed to be on the alert for other possible attacks. A large-scale campaign against the group is planned in December, and additional troops have been brought into West Java in preparation for the operation.

SOUTH ASIA

2. Sheikh Abdullah makes new proposals for settling the Kashmir dispute:

[redacted] During a conversation with Ambassador Bowles on 21 September, Sheikh Abdullah, the Indian-sponsored Premier of Kashmir, suggested that his state should be made semi-autonomous for a ten-year period under a United Nations guarantee, with "free access" to both Pakistan and India. He added that he would welcome direct discussions between his government and that of Azad Kashmir, which is Pakistani-controlled, in the hope of developing some formula which could be advanced to India and Pakistan.

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Abdullah protested his complete loyalty to India, but stated that he felt the time had come to consider every reasonable suggestion for solving the Kashmir issue.

Comment: Abdullah has never before made such specific recommendations for settling the Kashmir dispute, though he has previously raised the subject of autonomy and has made overtures to the Azad Kashmiris. His remarks suggest that he is planning some new move which might seriously embarrass the Indian Government.

In their present mood of frustration, both the Pakistani Government and the Azad Kashmiris might consider some such proposal.

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British military mission to begin discussions with Israel in October:

[redacted] A three-member British military mission will start conversations in Israel on 6 October, according to a British diplomat in Washington. He stated that the talks would deal with Israel's role in the event of war, the development of Israeli transportation and communications, the storage of oil, and the provision of equipment and training.

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Comment: Several times in the past year the Israeli Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have informed London of Israel's desire for closer ties with Great Britain. The Israelis apparently believe that such an arrangement might strengthen their position in relation to any Arab threat and might even prove of economic benefit.

5. Libya may delay action on treaty with France:

[redacted] Libyan Prime Minister Muntasser has told the French Charge in Tripoli that there is little hope of early action on the treaty of alliance between Libya and France. The Premier added bluntly that his country dislikes French policy in North Africa and expects to consider the American and British treaties first.

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The French Charge believes that Libya hopes to gain maximum benefits in its foreign agreements by delaying action and by playing the Western powers against each other.

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Comment: Libya has repeatedly stalled in negotiating treaties granting special privileges to the United States, Great Britain and France. Muntasser recently suggested that the United States should double its previously agreed compensation payment to assure early ratification of the treaty by Libya. Great Britain is currently encountering difficulty on the question of the duration of its treaty.

WESTERN EUROPE

6. De Gasperi pessimistic over outcome of Italian elections:

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The West German Foreign Ministry, reporting on the Adenauer-De Gasperi meeting at Bonn, states that the Italian Premier expressed pessimism regarding his party's chances in the 1953 elections. He pointed out that Italy's social problems were far from solved, and "greater difficulties may yet arise."

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Comment: This is the first time that De Gasperi has been known to express outright pessimism concerning next spring's elections.

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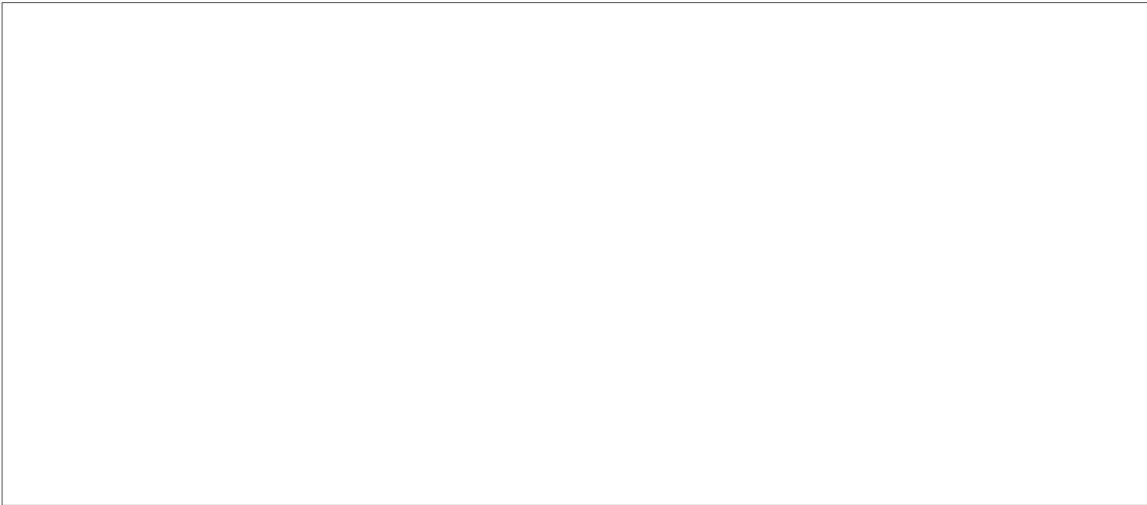
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